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Amendments to the Specification

At page 1, please amend the first paragraph as follows:

The invention relates to a gripping <u>device</u> for a manipulation system comprising a robot for receiving parts and feeding a manufacturing plant with a workpiece from a readied stack of workpieces. The invention also relates to a method for operating the gripping device.